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SUBJ: NAMIBIAN TALKS: LEAKS TO PRESS

REF: CAPE TOWN 0661

1. SUMMARY: TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE LEAKED SOME
INFORMATION ON CONTACT GROUP-SAG TALKS WHICH COULD CAUSE
US PROBLEMS. WE WILL BRING THIS FORCEFULLY TO SAG'S ATTENTION.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPE TIMES, SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 30
CARRIES TWO ARTICLES DATED WINDHOEK QUOTING UNIDENTI-
FIED SOURCES ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIVE POWER TALKS WITH
SAG ON NAMIBIA. FIRST ARTICLE HEADLINES "NO INSISTENCE
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ON SA WITHDRAWAL," STATES FIVE POWERS "PROVISIONALLY WILL
NOT INSIST THAT SA IMMEDIATELY END ITS ADMINISTRATION OF
SWA"; INSISTED ON "INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS"
IN WHICH SWAPO PARTICIPATED; AND SUGGESTED DELAY IN
ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

3. ARTICLE CONTINUES: "SOURCES" SAID TURNHALLE DELE-

GATES HAD NOT AGREED WITH THIS BUT HAD INDICATED THAT "SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS WITH SOME KIND OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE." THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA AS INTERMEDIARY, TURNHALLE DELEGATES SAID TO HAVE TAKEN POSITION THEY "WERE NOT PREPARED TO SIMPLY ALLOW SWAPO TO TAKE PART IN GOVERNMENT OF SWA "BUT INSISTED SWAPO PROVE ITS STRENGTH---AT THE POLLS IF NECESSARY."

4. ARTICLE ALSO SAYS WESTERN GOVERNMENTS WILL CONSIDER CERTAIN PROPOSALS AND NOTES THAT TURNHALLE DELEGATES WHO EARLIER IN DAY RETURNED TO WIDNHOEK DECLINED TO COMMENT ON TALKS, SAYING THEY WERE A "DELICATE MATTER WHICH THEY DID NOT WISH TO PREJUDICE WITH PREMATURE OBSERVATIONS."

5. SECOND ARTICLE ENTITLED "SWA: NO CHANGE FORESEEN," STATES THAT A.H. DU PLESSIS, LEADER OF WHITE TURNHALLE DELEGATION, CONFIRMED THAT THE WHITE REFERENDUM IN SWA WOULD BE HELD AND THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD GO AHEAD AS SCHEDULED.

6. COMMENT: THESE STORIES OBVIOUSLY ORIGINATED FROM MEMBERS OF TURNHALLE DELEGATION WHO MET FREQUENTLY WITH SAG OFFICIALS OVER COURSE OF THE LAST THREE DAYS. AT FINAL MEETING IN CAPE TOWN, CG TOOK NOTE OF CAPE TIMES ARTICLES AND AGREED THAT AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WOULD INFORM FOREIGN SECRETARY FOURIE THAT INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE COMMENTS BY TURNHALLE DELEGATES WOULD COMPLICATE OUR TASKS, THE MORE SO IF MADE BEFORE WE HAD HAD A CHANCE TO BRIEF OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED. FUTURE TALKS MAY HAVE TO

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BE HELD UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE ALL PARTIES INVOLVED CAN BE INFORMED AS TALKS PROCEED, OR WE MIGHT HAVE TO AGREE THAT THE PARTIES WILL BE INFORMED SIMULTANEOUSLY. BOWDLER

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